# THE COMMON-WEALTHS GREAT SHIP

Commonly called the SOVERAIGNE of the *SEAS*, built in the yeare, 1637.

With a true and exact Dimenſion of her Bulk and Burden, and thoſe Decorements which beautifie and adorne her, with the Carving work, Figures, and Mottoes upon them.

*Shee is beſides her Tunnage* 1637. *Tuns in burden: Shee beareth five Lanthorns, the biggeſt of which will hold ten perſons to ſtand upright, without ſhouldring or preſſing one another. With the names of all the Ropes, Maſts, Sailes, and Cordage that belong unto a* SHIP.

As alſo the names of all our Commanders at Sea, the number of Men and Gunnes which every Ship carrieth both in their Admirall, Vice-Admirall, and Reare-Admirall.

With all the Fights wee have had with the Hollander, ſince the Engagement of Lieutenant-Admirall *Trompe* neere *DOVER*, againſt the Engliſh Fleet under the Command of Generall *Blake*, at the ſame time that three of their Embaſſadours were here treating of PEACE.

With a perfect rehearſall of an Act for encreaſe of Shipping, and Encouragement of the Navigation of this Nation, which ſo much diſpleaſeth the *HOLLANDER*.

*Goe not forth haſtily to ſtrive, leaſt thou know not what to doe in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to ſhame.*

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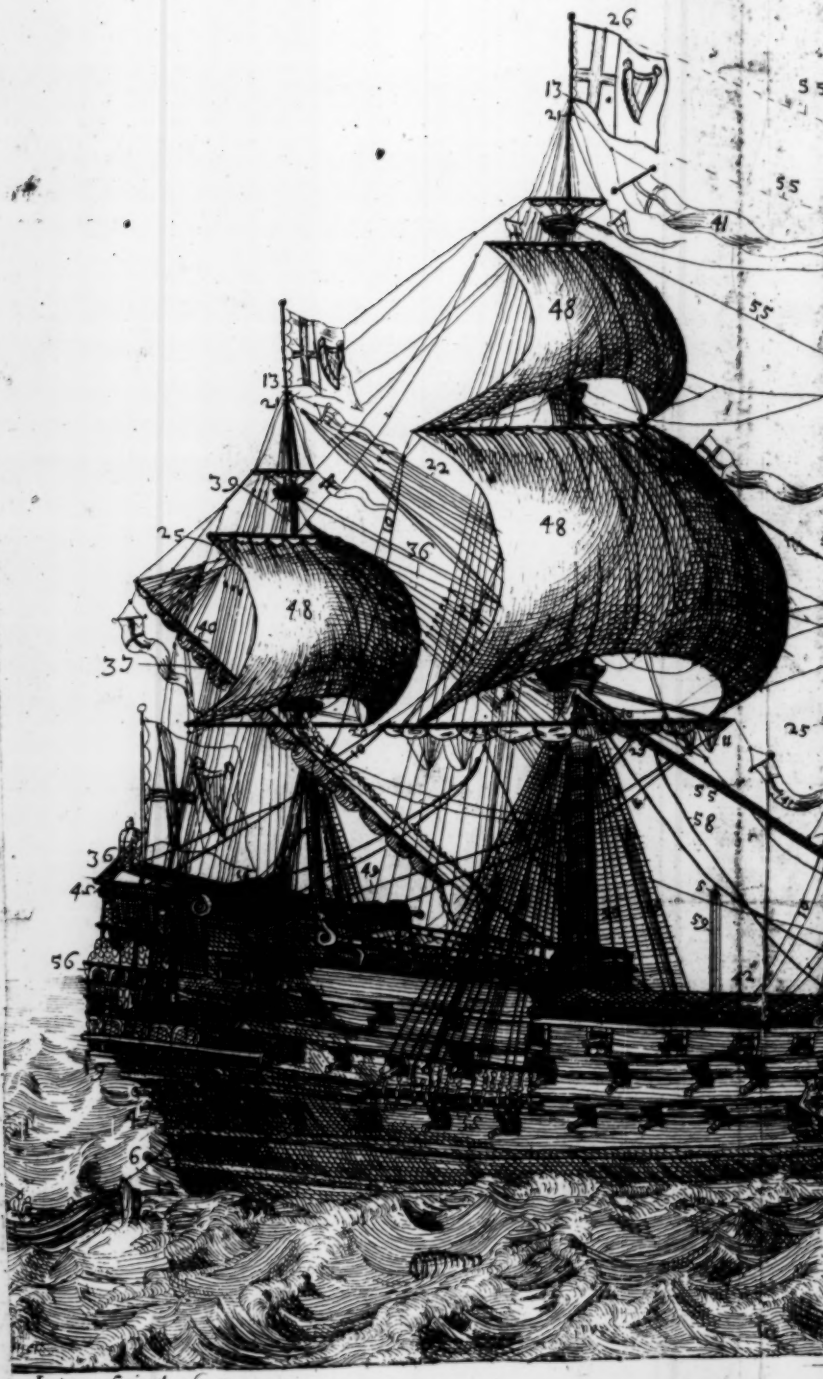


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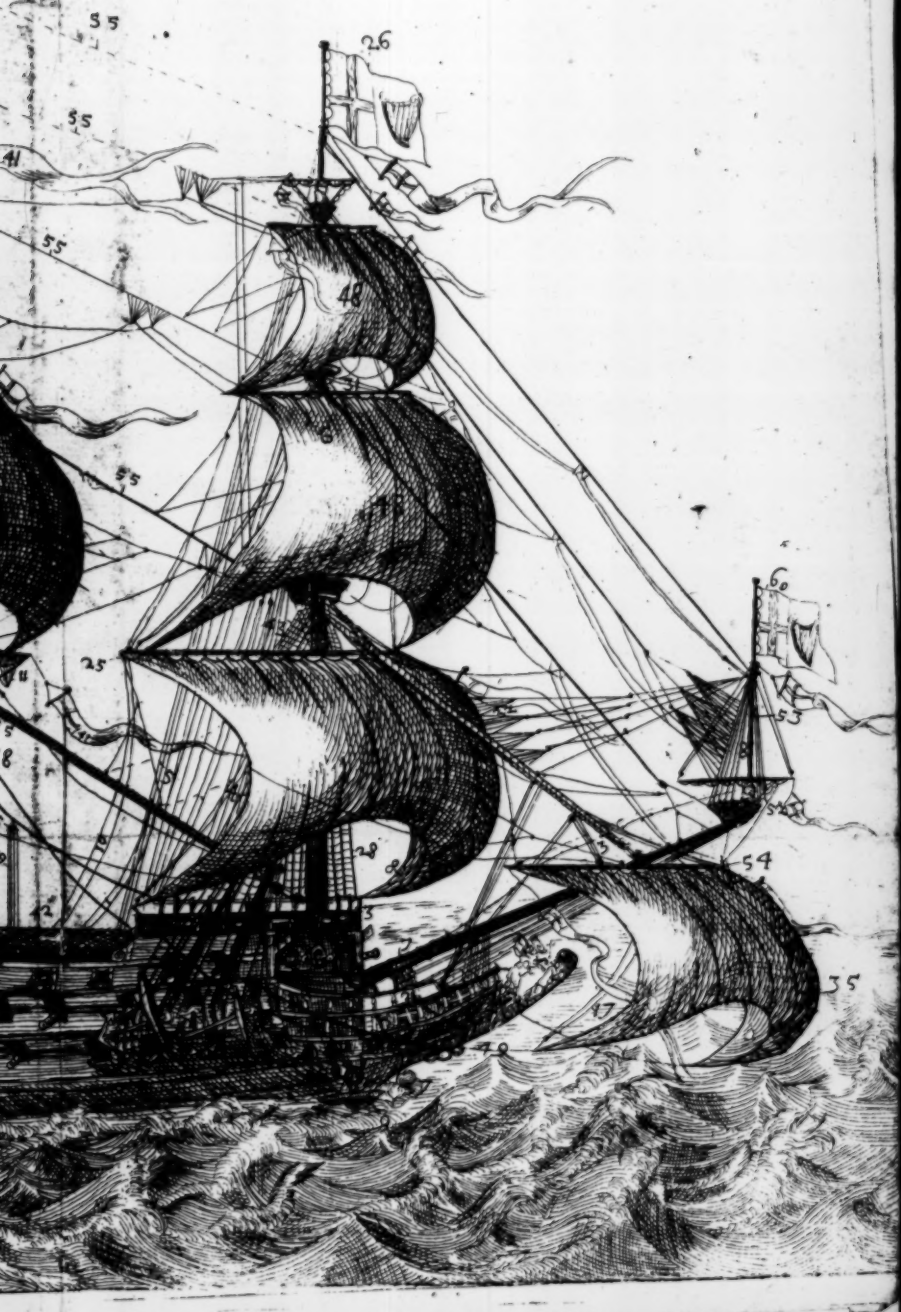

# *The Common-Wealths Ship, commonly called the* Soveraign *of the Seas, with her bulke, and burden.*

BEFORE I come to give you a true and exact Dimenſion of her bulke, burden, &c. it is neceſſary that I make ſome ſatisfaction to the world concerning thoſe Decorements which *beautifie* and *adorne her*, and to render a faire account of mine owne invention concerning the *carving worke*, the *Figures*, and *Mottoes* upon them, which ſome perhaps have too liberally taxed: Thus therefore to any who have formerly either doubted of their propriety, or are at this preſent deſirous to underſtand their imagined obſcurity, I thus freely deliver my ſelfe.

Upon the *Beak-head* ſitteth royall King *Edgar* on horſe-backe, trampling upon ſeven Kings.

Concerning thoſe Kings whom you may perceive to lye proſtrate under his Horſes hooſes, they were *Kynadus*, King of the *Scots*, *Malcolme*, King of *Cumberland*; and of the petty Kings of *Wales*, *Dufnall*, *Grifith*, *Huvall*, *Jacob*, *Juditbil*. He moreover ſurprized by Sea a Prince of the *Romans*, whoſe name was *Maxentius*, who had done many out-rages upon the *Ocean*, and was the greateſt Arch-pirate that thoſe times afforded. He alſo compelled *Ludwallus*, prime Prince and King of *Cambria*, which is *Wales*, (becauſe he would have all the ravenous & dammag-ous Beaſts to be deſtroyed through the Land) to pay unto him yearly by way of Tribute, three

hundred Wolves skins: by reason whereof, within the space of forty yeares after, in *England*, or *Wales*, both which (but especially *Wales*) who before were miserably infested with that kind of beast, there was scarcely to be found one Wolfe alive: and so much for the Princes over which he had sole dominion.

*His Navy Royall consisted of three thousand and sixe hundred Ships, (such as they used in those dayes) yet not any of them but serviceable either for Fight, or bearing Victuall, and munition, to furnish the Navy, which he divided into three parts, appointing to every of them a severall squadron: and this hee did to secure Navigators from* Enemies, *and* Sea-Rovers, *as also from all other neighbour Princes, who might challenge any interest in these our* foure Seas. *And therefore every* Spring *and* Summer, *he in person sayled with those in the East parts, to them that lay hovering in the* West. *And sending them backe againe with their Charge, would with the* West squadrant, *saile into the* North, *and after with the* Northern *Fleet compasse into the* East, *by which the* Maine Ocean *rounding those Islands, of which he was sole* Prince *and* Monarch, *being at his onely charge, both quieted and secured, he did (as justly he might) write himselfe* Lord of the foure Seas.

I began at the *Beak-head*, where I desire you to take notice, that upon the stemme-head there is *Cupid*, or a Child resembling him, bestriding and bridling a *Lyon*, which importeth, *That sufferance may curbe Insolence, and Innocence restraine violence.*

On the Bulk-head right forward, stand six severall Statues in sundry postures, their Figures representing *Consilium*, that is, Counsell: *Cura*, that is, Care: *Conamen*, that is, Industry, and unanimous indeavour in one compartment: *Counsell* holding in her hand *a closed or folded* Scrole; *Care*, a Sea-compasse; *Conamen*, or *Industry*, a Lint stock fired. Upon the other, to correspond with the former, *Vis*, which implyeth *force*, or *strength*; handing a Sword. *Virtus*, or *Vertue*, a sphearicall Globe: and *Victoria*, or *Victory*, a wreath of *Lawrell.* The *Morall* is, that in all high Enterprizes there ought to be first *Counsell*, to undertake; then *Care*, to manage; and *Industry*,

*Induſtry*, to performe; and in the next place, where there is *ability* and *ſtrength* to oppoſe, and *Vertue* to direct, *Victory* conſequently is alwayes at hand, ready to crowne the undertaking.

Upon the Hances of the waſte are foure Figures, with their ſeverall properties: *Jupiter* riding upon his *Eagle*, with his *Triſulke* (from which he darteth *Thunder*) in his hand: *Mars* with his *Sword* and *Target*, a *Foxe* being his Embleme: *Neptune* with his *Sea-horſe*, *Dolphin*, and *Trident*: and laſtly, *Æolus* upon a *Camelion* (a Beaſt that liveth only by the Ayre) with the *foure Windes*, his Miniſters or Agents, the *Eaſt*, cal'd *Eurus*, *Subſolanus*, and *Apeliotes*: the *North-winde*, Septentrio, Aquilo, or Boreas: *the Weſt*, Zephyrus, Favonius, Lybs, *and* Africus: *the South*, *Auſter*, or *Notus*.

I come now to the Stearn, where you may perceive upon the upright of the upper Counter, ſtandeth *Victory* in the middle of a Frontiſpiece, with this generall motto, *Validis incumbite remus*: It is ſo plain, that I ſhall not need to give it an *Engliſh interpretation*: Her wings are equally diſplayed; on one Arme ſhe weareth a *Crowne*, on the other a *Lawrel*, which imply *Riches* and *Honour*: in her two hands ſhe holdeth two Mottoes; her *right hand*, which pointeth to *Jaſon*, bears this Inſcription, *Nava*. *Jaſon* being figured with his Oare in his hand, as being the prime *Argonant*, and ſay *Nava*, or more plainly, *Operam nava*; for in thoſe Emblematicall Mottoes, *quod ſubintelligitur*, *non deeſt*. She pointeth to *Hercules* on the ſiniſter ſide, with his *Club* in his hand, with this motto, *O* Hercules, *be thou as valiant with thy Club upon the Land, as* Jaſon *is induſtrious with his Oare upon the Water*. *Hercules* again pointing to *Æolus*, the god of *Windes*, ſaith *Flato*: who anſwereth him againe, *Flo*: *Jaſon* pointing to *Neptune*, the god of the Seas (riding upon a *Sea horſe*) ſaith *Faveto*; to whom *Neptune* anſwereth, *No*; Theſe words *Flo*, and *No*, were alſo much excepted at, as if there had been no ſuch Latine words, till ſome better examining their *Gramar Rules*, found out *Flo*, *flas*, *flavi*, proper to *Æolus*, and *No*, *nas*, *navi*, to *Neptune*, &c.

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In the lower Counter of the *Sterne*, on either ſide of the *Helme* is this Inſcription,

*He who Seas, Windes, and Navies doth protect,*
*The Soveraign, the great* Ship *in her courſe direct.*

There are other things in this *Veſſell* worthy remarkable, at leaſt, if not admiration; namely, that one *Tree*, or *Oake*, made foure of the *principall beames* of this *great Ship*, which was 44. foote of ſtrong and ſerviceable *Timber* in *length*, three foote *Diametre* at the top, and ten foote *Diametre* at the ſtubb or bottome.

Another (as worthy of eſpeciall obſervation is) that one piece of Timber which made the *Kel-ſon*, was ſo great and weighty, that 28. *Oxen*, and foure *Horſes*, with much difficulty drew it from the place where it grew, and from whence it was cut downe, unto the water-ſide.

There is one thing above all theſe for the world to take eſpeciall notice of, that *ſhee* is, beſides her *Tunnage*, juſt ſo many *Tuns* in burden, as there have been years ſince our *Bleſſed Saviours Incarnation*, namely, 1637. and not one under, or over: A moſt happy *Omen*, which though it was not at the firſt projected or intended, is now by true computation found ſo to happen.

It would be too tedious to inſiſt upon every Ornament belonging to this incomparable *Veſſell*, yet thus much concerning Her outward appearance; She hath two Galleries of a ſide, and all of moſt curious carved Worke, and all the ſides of the *ſhipp* are carved alſo with *Trophies* of *Artyllerie* and *Types* of honour, as well belonging to Land as Sea, with Symboles, Emblemes, and Impreſſes appertaining to the *Art of Navigation*: and thus much in a ſuccinct way. I have delivered unto you concerning her inward and outward Decorements; I come now to deſcribe her in her exact Dimenſion.

Her length by the Keele is 128. foote, or thereabout, within ſome few inches. Her mayne breadth or wideneſſe from ſide to ſide 48. foote. Her utmoſt length from the fore-end of the *Beake-head*, unto the after end of the Sterne, *a prora ad puppim*,

*pim*, 232. foote; Shee is in height from the bottome of her Keele to the top of her *Lanthorne*, ſeventy ſixe foot, ſhe beareth five *Lanthorns*, the biggeſt of which will hold ten perſons to ſtand upright, and without ſhouldring or preſſing one the other.

Shee hath three fluſh Deckes, and a Fore-Caſtle, an halfe Decke, a quarter Deck, and a round-houſe. *Her* lower *Tyre* hath thirty ports, which are to be furniſhed with Demy-Conon and whole Canon throughout, being able to beare them. Her middle *Tyre* hath alſo thirty ports for Demi-Culverin, and whole Culverin. Her third *Tyre* hath 26. ports for other Ordnance; her Fore-Caſtle hath twelve ports, and her halfe Decke hath fourteen ports; Shee hath thirteene or fourteene ports more within board for murdering peeces, beſides a great many Loop-holes out of the Cabins for Musket-ſhot. She carrieth moreover tenne peeces of chaſe *Ordnance* in her, right forward, and ten right off, that is according to Land-ſervice in the front and the reare. She carrieth eleven *Anchors*, one of them weighing foure thouſand foure hundred, *&c.* and according to theſe are her Cables, Maſts, Sayles, and Cordage.

I come now to give you a particular Denomination of the prime Work-men employed in this inimitable Fabrick; as firſt Captaine *Phines Pett*, Over-ſeer of the Work, and one of the Principall Officers; of whoſe knowledge, experience, and judgment, I cannot render a merited *Character*.

The Maſter *Builder* is young Mr. *Peter Pett*, the moſt ingenuous ſonne of ſo much improved a *Father*, who before he was full 25. yeares of age, made the *Modell*, and ſince hath perfected the *worke*, which hath won not only the *approbation*, but *admiration* of all men, of whom I may truly ſay, as *Horace* did of *Argus*, that famous *Ship-maſter*, (Who built the great *Argo* in which the *Grecian* Princes Rowed through the *Helleſpont* to fetch the *goleen Fleece* from *Colchos*.

*Pallas* her ſelf flew into his boſome, and not only enjoyn'd him to the undertaking, but inſpired him in the managing of ſo exquiſite anabſolute an *Architecture*.

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# The names of all the Roapes, Masts, Sails, and Cordage that belong unto a Ship.

1. ANchor.
Anchor-stocke.
An Awning.
Axell-tree.

Ballast.
3. The Beak or Beak-head.
Beame.
Bedds.
4 A Bend.
A Berth.
5 Blocks.
6 A Boalt roape.
7 Bolt sprit.
8 A Bonnet.
A Boome.
9 The Bowe.
A Bower.
Brackets.
10 Brasers.
11 Brayles.
Breech & breeching.
Brest-Roapes.
A Buoy.
12 A Buttocke.

A Cabell.
Caburne.
13 The Cap.
The Cap-staine.
Cap stamebars.
Carlings.
A Carriage.
Carnels.
A Case.
Caskets.
Catharpings.
14 Catt.
15 Cat-holes or houcks.
Cheekes.
Cheteres.
Clamps.
A Cleate.
Clew.
16 Clew-garnet.
17 Clew-line.
A Clincher.
Cockes.
18 The Collar.
The Combe.
Cooke-Room.
Cordage.
19 Counter.

A Crabb.
A Cradle.
Cringles.
20 Cros-Jack.
21 Cros-tree.
22 Crow-feet.
Cubbridg-head.
The Davit.
23 Deadmen-eys.
24 Deck.
Deep-see-lead.
Deep-see-line.
Dock.
A Drabler.
Draggs.
A Drift-saile.
Duck up.
25 Earing.
Entring-ladder.
Entring-roape.
Eyes.
Eylet-holes.
26 A Facke.
27 The Fartbell.
Fartheling lines.
Fidd. Fammer.
The Fish.
26 Flaggs.

27 The Flook.
The Flowr.
Fluſh.
The Flye.
28 Fore-maſt.
29 Fore-ſail.
30 Fore-top-maſt.
31 Fore-top-yard.
32 Fore-yard.
Futtocks.

The Garboord.
33 The Garnet.
Girt.
Gooſe-wing.
Grapnell.
A Gripe.
Gromets.
A Guge.

Hallyards.
34 The Hawſes.
A Hawſer.
Head-lines.
35 Head ſailes.
Head-ſea.
The Helme.
Honey-Comb.
The Hookes.
A Horſe.
A Hullock.

The Jeere.
The Jeere-Capſtaine.
A Juncke.
A Jury-maſt.

A Kedger.
The Keele.
The Keel-Roap.
Keeleſon.
The Knave-line.
Knees.
Kneetles.
The Knights.
Knots.

Ladder.
36. A land-Turne.
A Langrell.
Lasking.
Latchets.
Ledges.
The Lee-ſauge.
The Leetch.
Leetch-lines.
36 Legges.
Lines pins.
Lockers.
A Logg-line.
The Looſe.
A looſe-hooke.
A Luſt.

The Manger.
Marling.
Marling-ſpeeke.
Martnets.
Maſts.
37 The miſen.
38 The miſen-maſt.
37 The miſen-ſaile.
39 The miſſen-top-maſt.
40 The miſſen-yard

Munck-ſeame.

The Needle.
Nettings.
Netting-ſailes.
Nippers.

Out Licker.
Oze, or Ozie.

A Pantch.
A Bardude.
Parrells.
The Partners.
A Paſſaredo.
The Paule.
A Peeke.
41 Pendants.
The Pillow.
A Pintell.
42 The Poope.
A Port.
Powches.
The Prowe.
Priming.
Puddings.
Pullies.
Pumps.
The Pumb-break.
The Pump-Can.
The Pump Dale.
43 Futtocks.

44 Quarter-Deck.
A Quoyle.
Quoyns.

Ram-head.
A Rammeer.

*Ranges.*
*Ribbs.*
*To Ride.*
*Riders.*
*Rigging.*
*Ring-bolts.*
*The Risings.*
*Rising-timbers.*
*A Road.*
*A Roader.*
45 *Roaps.*
*Roap-yarnes.*
*Robbins.*
*Roose-trees.*
46 *The Round-house*
*The Rowle.*
47 *The Rudder.*
*The rudder-roap.*
*Rudder-irons.*
*The Run.*
*Rung-heads.*
*The Rungs.*
*The Runner.*

48 *Sailes.*
*A Scarfe.*
*A Scuttle.*
*A Seele.*
*Shackles.*
*The Shancke.*
*Shanck-painter.*
*Shearing.*
49 *Sheats.*
*Shoars.*
*Shoar.*
*Shot.*
*Showle.*
50 *Shrowds.*
*The Sillinder.*
*Sinnet.*
*The Skeg.*
*The Skiff.*
*Skupper, or skupper-holes.*
*Skupper-leathers.*
*Skupper-nailes.*
*A Sclatch.*
*Sleepers.*
*Slings.*
*A smitting-line.*
*A snatch-block.*
*Sockets.*
*Sounding-line.*
*A spindle.*
*Spit.*
51 *Sprit-saile.*
52 *Sprit-saile-top-saile.*
53 *Sprit-saile-top-mast.*
54 *Sprit-saile-yard.*
*Spung-yarn.*
55 *Stayes, & back-stayes.*
56 *The stern.*
*Stern-sheets.*
*The steeridg.*
57 *The stem.*
*A stepp.*
*Stoaked.*
*A stake.*
*A strap.*
*A stream-anchor.*
*Stream Cable.*
*A stretch.*
*Studding-sailes.*
*A sturrop.*
*Swisters.*

58 *Tackes.*
*To tack a ship.*
59 *Tackles.*
*Talle.*
*Tamkin.*
*Tapering.*
*Thight.*
*Thwart-ships.*
*Ties.*
*Top-armors.*
*Top-Gallants.*
*Top-Mast.*
*Top-Roaps.*
*To Tow.*
*The Tuck.*

*A Violl.*

*A Warp.*
*Wast-Board.*
*Wast cloaths.*
*Whoodings.*
*A Worme.*
*Wormings.*

*A Yard.*
*A Yawe.*
*A Yoake.*
60 *A Jacke.*

*A Narrative*

# *A Narrative of the late Engagement between the Engliſh Fleet under the Command of Generall* Blake, *and the Holland Fleet under the Command of Lieuteiant Admiral* Trump *neer* Dover.

Martin Tromp, Admirall
of Holland & Weſt-frieſland.

VPON *Tueſday* the 18. of *May*, 1652. in the morning, General *Blake* being gone to the Weſt-ward, as far as *Rye* Bay eight dayes before, with twelve or thirteen Ships, leaving Major *Bourn* in the *Downs* with eight Ships only, there appeared upon the back ſide of the *Goodwin*, a *Holland* Fleet of Men of War, conſiſting of two and forty Ships, one whereof had a Flagg on the main-top-Maſt head, the reſt Jacks and Ancients; and being come unto the South-ſands head, two of them bore up towards the Engliſh Ships in the *Downs*, whereupon Major *Bourn* ſent out the

*Greybound* to examine them, and to know the reaſon of their ſo near approach; who anſwering, That they had a Meſſage to the Commander in Chief in the *Downes*, were permitted to come in; and having ſaluted the Flag, the two Captains, named *Tyſon* and *Aldred* came aboard the ſayd Major *Bourn*, and acquainted him that they were ſent by *Van Trump*, to let him know that he had been Riding about *Dunkirke* with His Fleet, where by reaſon of foule Weather they had loſt many of their Cables and Anchors, and the wind being *Northerly*, were driven more to the *Southward* then they intended, which *Van Trump* thought fit to ſignifie, to prevent any miſ-apprehenſions or Jealouſies. And having ſaid this, and received for anſwer, That the Reality of what they ſaid would beſt appear by their ſpeedy drawing off from this Coaſt, they departed to their Fleet; and immediately upon their arrivall with them, the whole Fleet ſtood up to *Dover*, and came to an Anchor within little more then ſhot of the Caſtle the ſame day in the afternoon. Upon their coming before *Dover* Caſtle, and Riding there with Flag in the Main-top, without ſaluting the Caſtle, the Caſtle made three ſhot at them; notwithſtanding which, the *Dutch* Admirall kept up his Flagg, and rode there at *Anchor* until the next day noon, and exerciſed his Muſquetiers, by diſcharging volleys of ſmall ſhot many houres together. Upon *Wedneſday* about twelve a clock the *Dutch* Fleet weighed Anchor, and ſtood off towards *Calice* ſome four Leagues into the *South-eaſt*; about the ſame time the *Engliſh* Fleet under General *Blake* coming from the Weſt towards the *Downes*, diſcovered them, and ſuppoſed by their courſe they had been going back; Major *Bourn* likewiſe was in ſight, coming from the *Downs* to joyn with Generall *Blake*. About an hour or two after, the *Holland* Fleet altered their courſe, came back again, made all the Saile they could, and bore directly with Generall *Blake*, *Van Trump* the headmoſt with his Flag in the Main-top; and being come within ſhot, the Generall ſhot a Gun at his Main-top, and then two ſingle ſhot more: whereupon *Trump* ſhot a ſingle ſhot through the Generals Flag, and then immediately gave the firſt Broad ſide, and took in his Pendants, and hung out his Red Flagg under

under the *Holland* Colours, which was the Signal on their part for their whole Fleet to engage, and ſo the Fight began, which happened between four and five a clock in the afternoon, and continued until nine of the clock. In the Fight the *Engliſh* took two of the *Holland* Fleet, one whereof having ſix foot water in the Hold they left, taking the Captain and Officers aboard, the other being a Ship of thirty Guns. Generall *Blake* lay all night where the Fight began, or neere thereabouts, and the Holland Fleet was eſpyed about foure Leagues diſtant towards the Coaſt of *France* next morning.

The truth of this Relation appears in the Letters of Generall *Blake*, Major *Bourn*, and others in the Action, by the Examinations of the *Dutch* Captains, and other Officers taken in the Fight:

And whereas *Van Trump* in the accompt he gives of this Action, makes the occaſion of his coming back upon the *Engliſh* Fleet, the guarding of ſome Merchant men richly laden from the *Streights*, which had been in ſight with ſome of our Frigots: That action is ſet down in a letter written by Captain *Young*, whereby the occaſion, beginning and ending thereof is declared: And beſides, theſe very ſhips which hee pretends to come to protect or reſcue, upon Saturday before had paſſed by General *Blake*, and were gone to the Eaſtward.

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## *Generall* Blake's *Letter.*

*Right Honourable,*

I Have diſpatched away this Expreſs to your Honours, to give you an account of what paſt yeſterday between us and the *Dutch Fleet* being in *Rye Bay*; I received Intelligence from Major *Bourne*, that *Van Trump* with forty Saile was off the South-ſand head, whereupon I made all poſſible ſpeed to ply up towards them, & yeſterday in the morning we ſaw them at Anchor in and near *Dover-Road*; being come within three leagues of them, they weighed and ſtood away by a winde to the

the *Eaſtward:* We ſuppoſing their intention was to leave us to avoid the diſpute of the Flag; about two hours after they altered their courſe, and bore directly with us, *Van Trump* the headmoſt, whereupon wee lay by, and put our ſelves into a fighting poſture, judging they had a reſolution to ingage being come within Musket ſhot, I gave order to fire at his flag, which was done thrice, after the third ſhot he let flie a Broad ſide at us; Major *Bourn*, with thoſe Ships that came from the *Downs*, being eight, was then making towards us, we continued fighting till night, then our Ship being unable to ſaile, by reaſon that all our Rigging and Sailes were extreamely ſhattered, our Mizen-Maſt ſhot off, we came with advice of the Captains to an Anchor about 3. or 4. Leagues of the *Neſs* to refit our Ship, at which we laboured all the night; this morning we eſpyed the *Dutch Fleet* about foure Leagues diſtance from ours towards the Coaſt of *France*, and by advice of a Councel of War, it was reſolved to ply to windward to keep the weather-gage, and we are now ready to let fall our Anchor this Tide; what courſe the *Dutch Fleet* ſteers wee doe not wel know, nor can we tel what harm we have done them, but we ſuppoſe one of them to be ſunk, and another of 30. Guns we have taken, with the Captains of both, his Main-Maſt of the firſt being ſhot by the Board, and much water in the Hold, made Captain *Lawſons* men to forſake her. We have ſix men of ours ſlain, and nine or ten deſperately wounded, and 25. more not without danger, amongſt them our Maſter and one of his Mates, and other Officers. We have received about 70. great Shot in our Hull and Maſts, in our Sails and Rigging without number, being engaged with the whole Body of the Fleet for the ſpace of four hours: And the mark at which they aimed, we muſt needs acknowledg a great Mercy that we had no more harm, and our hope the righteous God will continue the ſame unto us, if there do ariſe a Warre between us; they being firſt in the Breach, and ſeeking an Occaſion to Quarrel, and watching as it ſeems, an Advantage to brave us upon our own Coaſt, *&c.*

Your moſt humble Servant,

*Robert Blake.*

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# The ſeverall Fights and Victories obtained (by GODS bleſſing) over the *Dutch*, by the Fleet of the Common-wealth of *England*, ſince the late Engagement of the Admirall *Trump* near *Dover* (contrary to the Law of Nature, and cuſtom of Nations) at the ſame time that three of their Embaſſadors were here treating of Peace.

*1 Victory after the Hollanders breach of Peace.*

IUNE 30. 1652. Sir *George Aſcue* had advice of thirty or forty *Dutchmen*, home-wards bound, with foure men of Warre for their Convoy, hearing they were very neere the narrow, he preſently weighed Anchor with nine Sayle, and ſtood over the Coaſt of *France*; ſome of his headmoſt ſhips came up with the *Dutch* Fleet, twenty ſix of them ranne directly aſhore upon *Callis ſands*, five we took, two more we got off from the ſands, and burnt three. This Fleet of the *Dutch* came from *Tardadoes* in *Portugall*, moſt of them laden with Salt and Oyle.

*2 Victory.*

*The Names of the Dutch men of Warre, taken by Generall* Blake *in the North, being the Guard of the Fiſhing Buſſes.*

*3 Victory.*

*Ball of Rotterdam*, 24. *Guns*. *Waterhound, Vice-admiral*, 29. *Guns*. *Sampſon of Anchinſens*, 28. *Guns*. *Armes of Holland*, 30. *Guns*. *Noab's arke*, 24. *Guns*. *Swan of Amſterdam*, 28. *Guns*. *Adam & Eve*, 24. *Guns*. *John Baptiſt*, 22. *Guns*. *Land of Promiſe*, 24. *Guns*. *Sampſon*, 24. *Guns*. Two of which were ſunk.

*Sept.* 25. 1652. The *Holland* Fleet appeared on the backſide of the *Goodwin*, but were that night driven backe by a ſtorm; the twenty ſixt day they appeared, and were forc't away by another ſtorm, twenty ſeven were forc't away the third time that General *Blake* got under Sail, and diſcovered the Dutch, they had two Admirals, *De Wit*, and *Ruiter*, with about

about 54. ſail of men of War, and ſome ſmall Veſſels; our number was pretty equall with them. The event of the fight. Reer Admirall of the *Dutch*, 36. Guns ſanke, a great Veſſell of thirty Guns taken, their Reer-Admirall himſelfe taken Priſoner, and one Captain more, 300. Priſoners taken, one great Frigot of the *Hollanders* ſeen to ſink; two Dutch veſſels ſunk in the night after the fight. One hundred and odde of the Dutch ſlain and drowned in the Reer-Admirall; all the Dutch Fleet generally much torne and ſhattered, one of their Maſts, and three of their ſhips being ſhot off by the great Ship called the Common-wealth.

*A Letter from Lieutenant Admirall* Trump, *to the High & mighty Lords, the States Generall of the United Provinces, written in the Ship* Brederode, *before* Calais, *March* 4. 1653.

*High and Mighty Lords,*

4 *Victory.* THe fights begun the laſt of *February*, and did end the 2. of *March*, after Sun-ſet, about the length of *Portland*, we being above 70. Ships of Warre, and about 150. Merchantmen, Commander *Ruiter*, and thoſe that were with him, did fight the Enemy in the Rear; the Rear Admiral *Peter Florize* fought in the Front of the Enemie, where Admiral *Blake* with the beſt ſhips was, and the Vice-Admiral *Jan Everſe* in the midſt. In the afternoon we went away from the Enemie, we tooke Counſel, what hereafter we ſhould do to fight with the Enemy again, and leave the Merchantmen; and that we ſhould not diſcharge any Ordnance in vain, becauſe our ammunition begun to be wanting; We did ſee a great way by the Eaſt of us, only with his great ſail floating, the ſhip called the *Vogelſtruis*, I did ſend the Commander *Wilde* with three ſhips after him to help him, and if unſerviceable, to hale him if poſſible: After which, we did gather our Body together, as well our Men of War, as Merchantmen, and went our way.

*March* 1. in the morning we ſaw the ſhip, the *Urgelſtrugs* among the Engliſh Fleet, then began the Enemy very furiouſly to aſſault us, five or ſixe of his beſt ſailed Frigots keeping at each ſide of our Fleet. This day were cut off from our Fleet Cap. *Jan la Sage* of *Zealand*, and *Bruyin van Seelſt* of *Amſterdam*, and ſome few Merchantmen, divers ſhips came to us, complaining

plaining they had little or no Powder nor Bullets left at all, every one did mend as much as they could of what was ſhot in pieces.

*March* 2. the Enemie began again to aſſault us with a great fury; about two hours in the afternoon, *Blake* being joyned with the moſt part of his body, made a ſigne to fall on again. The Vice-admirall *Jan Everſe*, and others came to ſpeak with me, & called, they had neither powder nor ſhot, being dark, we put our Lights up, *Blake* did likewiſe put his Lights up, being by the wind of us, and after midnight we loſt the Enemies Lights.

The third *Ditto* in the morning at breaking of the day we ſaw *Calice* S. W. from us two miles.

Taken by the Engliſh from *Van Trump* 47. ſhips in this Conflict.

Gentlemen,

YEſterday morning being at Anchor ſome ten miles without the South-head of the Gober, early in the morning we diſcryed the Dutch Fleet about two Leagues to the Leeward. We made ſail towards them, and between 11. & 12. at Noon we were engaged, and for three hours the diſpute was very ſharp on both ſides, which continued from 3. till 6. in the evening; at which time the Enemie bore away right before the wind, and little more was done, onely the Frigots gave chaſe ſo long as there was any light to diſtinguiſh one from another. One of the Dutch Admirals was blown up, and 3. or 4. ſunke. We cannot hear that any of our own ſhips was loſt in this Engagement, bleſſed be the Lord. We are at this time very fair again by them, and ſhall ſtill endeavour our utmoſt to engage them as ſoone as we can. It hath pleaſed the Lord to take away General Dean in the fight, an honeſt and faithfull ſervant of the Common-wealth. He was ſlain by a great ſhot. In this Engagement we have ſpent the greateſt part of our powder and ſhot; and therefore I earneſtly deſire you will take care that a conſiderable proportion may be ſuddenly provided us and ſent, with ſuch Victuals and Waterſhips as are yet behind. What ſhips are making ready in the River, may as ſoone as can be ſent. This is the beſt account can be given at preſent. 5 *Victory.*

Your moſt affectionate friend and ſervant,

*From aboard the* Reſolution, 14 *Leagues from the North-foreland bearing weſt of us,* June 3. 1653. *at 6 in the morning.* GEO: MONKE.

Another Letter from the Fleet ſubſcribed by Gen. *Blake*, and Ceneral *Monke*, directed to the Lord Ceneral *Cromwel*, as followeth.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

*YOur Lordſhips of the ſecond inſtant, with the encloſed Intelligence, we this day received, and according to your Excellencies apprehenſions thereon, wee have engaged with the Dutch Fleet, a briefe accompt of the firſt dayes action we have already ſent unto your Lordſhip. The next day being the third inſtant, wee did what wee could to reingage them, and having the Wind (which was but little) about Noone we came within ſhot. After four hours diſpute with them, or thereabouts, they endeavoured what they could to get away from us; but having then a pretty freſh gale of winde, we preſſed ſo hard upon them, that we ſunke and tooke many of them, as appeares by the encloſed Liſt, and do ſuppoſe we ſhould have deſtroyed moſt of them but that it grew darke, and being off of Oſtend among the ſands, we durſt not be too bold, eſpecially with the great ſhips, ſo that it was thought fit we ſhould Anchor all night, which we accordingly did about tenne of the Clock. This morning ſome of our ſhips deſcried the Enemie again afar off, ſteering toward the Weillings, ſo far as with ſafety we might, and to range along the Coaſt till wee came to the Texel (the better to improve the preſent Victory God hath given unto us) unleſſe we ſee cauſe to divert our courſe. We ſhall not further trouble your Lordſhip, but ſubſcribe our ſelves*

Your Excellencies moſt humble Servants,

*Robert Blake. George Monk.*

A Liſt of the Dutch ſhips taken and ſunk, with the number of Priſoners, likewiſe the number of men ſlain and wounded on our part, *viz.*

On Thurſday, 5. *Dutch ſhips ſunck.* 2 *blown up*, 7. *Taken.* On Friday, *Dutch Priſoners* 1350. *whereof ſixe Captains.* 11. *ſhips taken.* 6 *ſunk.* 2 *Water-boyes taken.* 2 *ſhips blown up amongſt their owne Fleet. Sunke by that diſaſter, one. Slain in our Fleet* 126. *whereof one Captaine. Wounded* 236. *Not one ſhip loſt on our part.*

*A Letter*

General Deane, as he was standing the shot that killed him in the Swiftsure.

## *A Letter from Generall* Monke.

*Right Honourable,*

6 *Victory.* SInce mine to you yesterday (wherein I gave you an account of the goodnes of God towards us, & appearance for us in the Engagement with our Enemie the day before, and that we were then in the pursuit of them) there hath little more been done, night drawing on, and the *Dutch* making directly to the Texel with what sail they could, so that it was not fit to be bold on that shoar, not knowing how the wind may take us, many of our ships being much disabled, but gave order to a small vessell or two to keep sight of them till the morning, and observe what course they steered, who returning, gave an account that the Enemy steered the same night into the Texel Harbor, & had Boats with lights to guide them in; whereupon yesterday at a Councel of War it was resolved that the whole Fleet should presently set Sail for Southold Bay, there to dispose of such ships as are disabled, and to send away our wounded men and Prisoners, of which a certain account cannot be given at present, but hope to do it very shortly. But I do present your Lordships here enclosed with a generall account, referring the condition of the wives and families of those who are slaine, to your Honours tender care, wherein I doubt not but you will have respect to their necessities. I remain

*Your Lordships most humble servant,*
George Monke.

*The names of the Officers that were slain & wounded on our side.*

In the *Andrew*, Cap. *Tho: Graves*. Golden *Cocke*, Cap. *Edmund Chapman*. *William*, Cap. *John Taylor*. *May Flower*, Cap. *Will: Newman*. *Prosperous*, Cap. *Crisp*. *Phœnix*, Cap. *Owen Cox*. Wounded. In the Triumph, Cap. *Peacock*. The Lawrel, Cap. *John Stokes*. Dragon, Cap. *John Seaman*. Portland, Cap. *William Rous*. Assurance, Cap. *P. Holland*. Tulip, Captain *Joseph Cubit*.

A list of the Dutch Captains taken Prisoners

Admirall *Trump* slain by a Musket shot on his left breast.

1. *Cor.*

1. *Cor. John Evertſon*, Vice-Admiral of *Zealand*, Captain of the *Eyon*. 2. *Claus Johnſon Zanger*. 3. *Andrew Ferteene*, Captain of the *Concord*. 4. *Gebron Scotter*, Captaiu of the *Golden-fleece*. 5. *Frederick Shellingworth*. 6. *John de Hea*, Cap. of the *Garland*, the ſhip burnt. 7. Captain *Gotherick* of the *Joy* of *Fluſhing*.

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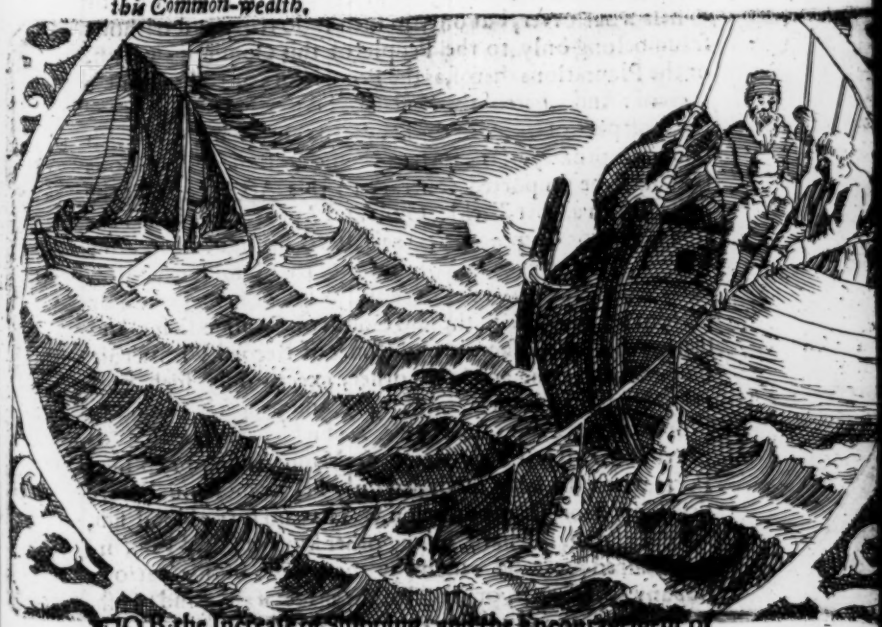
*An Act for encreaſe of Shipping, and encouragement of Navigation, and Fiſherie of this Nation, by catching of Cod, Ling, Herring, Pilchard, and that after the firſt day of* February, 1653. *no fiſh ſhall be imported or exported in any other ſhips or Veſſels, ſave only in ſuch as doe truly and properly appertain unto the people of this Common-wealth.*



FOR the Increaſe of Shipping, and the Encouragement of the Navigation of this Nation, which under the good Providence

Providence of God, is ſo great a meanes of the Welfare and Safety of this Common-wealth; Be it Enacted, That from and after the firſt day of *December*, One thouſand ſix hundred fifty and one, & from thence forwards, No Goods or Commodities whatſoever, of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Aſia*, *Africa*, or *America*, or of any part thereof; or of any Iſlands belonging to them, or any of them, or which are deſcribed or laid downe in the uſuall Maps or Cards of thoſe places, as well of the Engliſh Plantations, as others, ſhall be Imported or brought into this Common-wealth of *England*, or into *Ireland*, or any other Lands, Iſlands, Plantations or Territories to this Common-wealth belonging, or in their Poſſeſſion, in any other Ship or Ships, Veſſell or Veſſels whatſoever, but only in ſuch as do truly and without fraud belong only to the People of this Common-wealth, or the Plantations therof, as the Proprietors or right Owners thereof: And whereof the Maſter and Marriners are alſo for the moſt part of them, of the People of this Common-wealth under the penalty of the forfeiture and loſſe of all the Goods that ſhall be Imported contrary to this Act; as alſo of the Ship (with all her Tackle, Guns and Apparel) in which the ſaid Goods or Commodities ſhall be ſo brought in and Imported, The one moiety to the uſe of the Common-wealth, and the other moiety to the uſe and behoof of any perſon or perſons who ſhall ſeize the ſaid Goods or Commodities, and ſhall proſecute the ſame in any Court of Record within this Common-wealth, and in no other, except only ſuch Forreign Ships and Veſſels as doe truly and properly belong to people of that Countrey or place, of which the ſaid Goods are the Growth, Production, or Manufacture: or to ſuch Ports where the ſaid Goods can only be, or moſt uſually are firſt ſhipped for Tranſportation. That no ſort of Cod fiſh, Ling, Herring, Pilchard, or any other kind of ſalted Fiſh, uſually fiſhed for, and caught by the people of this Nation; nor any Oyle made, or that ſhall be made of any kind of fiſh, whatſoever, nor any Whale-fins, or Whale-bones, ſhall from henceforth be imported into this Common-wealth, or into *Ireland*, or any other Lands, Iſlands, Plantations, or Territories

tories thereto belonging, or in their poſſeſſion, but only ſuch as ſhall be caught in Veſſels that do, or ſhall truly and properly belong to the people of this Nation, as Proprietors and Right Owners thereof: And the ſaid Fiſh to be cured, and the Oyle aforeſaid made by the people of this ſaid Common-wealth, That no ſort of Cod, Ling, Herring, Pilchard, or any other kind of ſalted Fiſh whatſoever, which ſhal be caught & cured by the people of this Common-wealth, ſhall be from and after the firſt day of *Feb.* one thouſand ſixe hundred fifty three, Exported from any place or places belonging to this Common-wealth, in any other Ship or Ships, Veſſell or Veſſels, ſave only in ſuch as do truly and properly appertain to the people of this Common-wealth, That this Act extend not to reſtrain the Importation of any of the Commodities of the Streights or Levant Seas, loaden in the Shipping of this Nation, though the ſaid Commodities be not of the very Growth of the ſaid places, nor be meant to reſtraine the Importing of any *Eaſt-India* Commodities loaden in the Shipping of this Nation, at the uſual Port or places for Lading of them heretofore in any part of thoſe Seas, to the South-ward & Eaſtward of *Cabo Bona Eſperanza*, although the ſaid Ports be not the very places of their Growth. That this extend not to Bullion, nor yet to any Goods taken, or that ſhal be taken by way of Reprizall by any Ship or Ships, having Commiſſion from this Common-wealth. Provided, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not extend, nor be conſtrued to extend to any Silke or Silke-wares which ſhall be brought by Land from any parts of *Italy*, and there bought with the proceed of Engliſh Commodities, ſold either for Money, or in Barter; but that it ſhall and may be lawfull for any of the people of this Common-wealth, to ſhip the ſame in Engliſh Veſſels from *Oſtend*, *Newport*, *Roterdam*, *Middleburgh*, *Amſterdam*, or any Ports thereabouts; The Owners and Proprietors firſt making Oath by themſelves, or other credible Witneſs, before the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtomes for the time being, or their Deputies, or one of the Barons of the Exchequer, that the Goods aforeſaid were ſo bought for his or their own proper accompt in *Italy*.

## *A true Relation of a moſt bloody, treacherous, cruell Deſigne of the Dutch in the New-Netherlands in America, in ſupplying the Indians with Arms and Ammunition, to burn and ſlay the Engliſh on a Sabbath day when they were at meeting.*

THE Colonies of *New-England* conſiſting of ſeverall Governments, have the *Dutch* ſetled to the South-weſt of them, at the *Manatha's* or *New-Netherlands*, and the *French* to the North-Eaſt, alongſt the Grand River of *Canada*; between which Nations there hath ever been (till now of late) a friendly correſpondence, and a mutuall aſſiſtance againſt the common Enemie, the barbarous *Indians*.

About ſix years ſince, the *Dutch* being reduced to a great exigence and ſtrait by the *Indians*, implored the *Engliſh* ayde and aſſiſtance, which immediately was ſent them, under the command of Captain *Underhill*, a Gentleman of ſpirit, experience, and conduct, who prizing Chriſtian blood beyond

*Indian*

*Indian* Wealth and Treaſure (being proffered a hogſhead of their Wampampege to with-draw the *Engliſh* Forces) fell on theſe *Heathens* in vindication of the Dutch, and in one night cut off fourteen hundred of them, and ſo gallantly, with the hazard and ſome loſſe of Engliſh Blood (through the aſſiſtance of the Omnipotent) reſettled the *Hollandar* in peace and ſafety,

But Ingratitude over-clouding thoſe Heroick Actions, and *Amboyna's* treacherous cruelty extending it ſelf from the Eaſt to the Weſt Indies, running in its proper channell of Dutch blood, quickly ſought their Neighbors, their Friends their Noble Defenders, the Engliſh, Deſtruction; and by their unworthy inequality of retribution, have chronicled themſelves Ungratefull, Perfidious, Bloody, and Cruell.

For about *March* laſt, 1653. with gifts and large promiſes they inſtigated and hired foure of the Grand Princes of thoſe Territories, ſome of them moſt fierce, barbarous, and bloody people, fit Inſtruments for ſo horrid a deſigne, on a Sabbath day, when all Families were at Meeting, unexpectedly to fall on the Engliſh, and to burne and ſlay what poſſibly they could: and for the better perfecting of this Diabolicall plot, they ſupplyed the Indians with Armes and Ammunition, which were diſperſed in all their Habitations, they having a Ship ſent them on purpoſe from Holland, the Fountain of Treacheries, with all neceſſary tools for the acting of a ſecond *Amboyna* Tragedy.

But the Omnipotent God (who hath ever beene a moſt mercifull protector of the *Engliſh* in thoſe parts, as in the *Pequet* War, *&c.*) did through his infinite goodneſſe, moſt timely before the bloody day of acting, cauſe an *Indian*, that ſhould have been an Executioner, to be a revealing Deliverer of our Nation, who informed the Magiſtrates of *Boſton* of the *Dutch* and *Indians* bloody intentions; whereupon they requeſted ſeverall Merchants of that Town with all expedition to march forth towards the *Indian* Habitations, to ſee what they could diſcover. At whoſe deſire, Mr. *Gardner*, Mr. *Hutchinſon*, Mr. *Hooper*, and Mr. *Seavern* rid forth, and the firſt Wigwambs, or *Indian* houſes they came to ſearching,



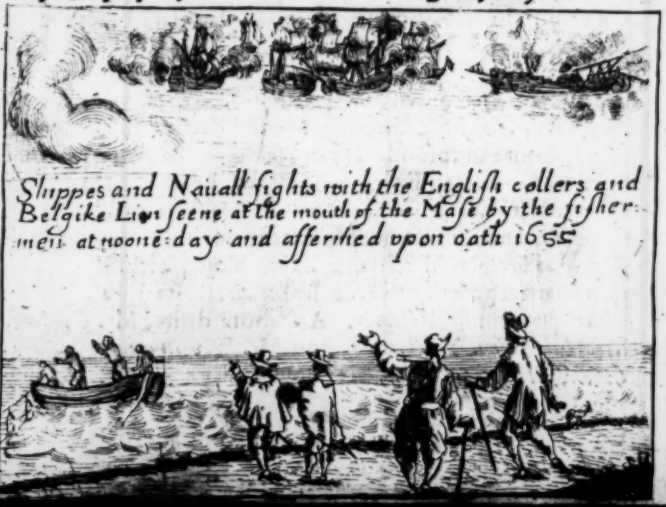
they

they found them full of Armes and Ammunition, ( which have been ever prohibited the *Indians* by the *Engliſh* ) all their Muſquets were charged with powder and ball, which they brought with them to *Boſton* : the Countrey was immediately put in a poſture of Defence, and two Gentlemen ſent from *Boſton*, *viz.* Captain *John Leveret*, and Mr. *Davis*, to the *New Netherlands* with ſome *Indians* that confeſſed, that they were hired by the *Dutch* for to be inſtruments in this unheard of and unparalleld Inhumanity.

Some Letters affirme, that the *French* are confederate with the *Dutch* and *Indians*, ſo that the *Engliſh* are invironed with their Enemies But that out of the hands of all their Enemies the Lord may deliver them, Let all good Chriſtians implore a bleſſing from the Almighty, that is moſt powerfull to ſave, that he may crown their Enterprizes with ſucceſſefull Victories. *Amen.*

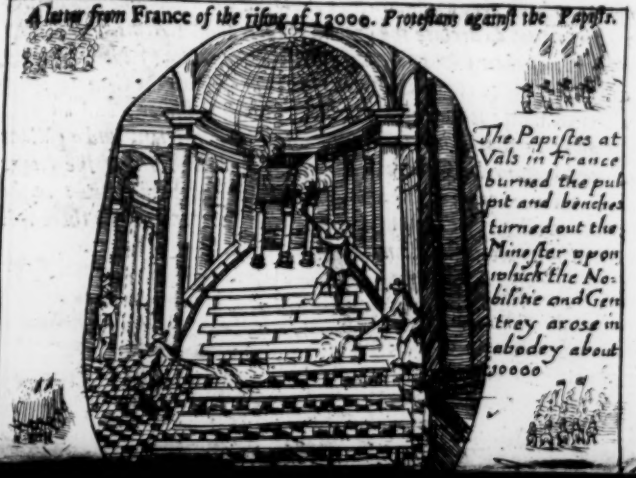
If any deſire to be better informed of what here is inſerted, let them repair to any Merchant that holds correſpondence with *New-England*, whoſe Letters can evidence the certainty hereof.

*Wonderful and ſtrange preſages both in the Heavens, and by the water, and on on the earth in* Holland, *freſh yet in memory, before any acts of hoſtility betwixt them and the* English, 1652.



VVEe have many judicious men who have obſerved the ſignes of Heaven againſt us, and the Prodigies on earth, and ſigns in the Aire, and are afraid of them. They remember a propheſie, that when the State-houſe of *Amſterdam* ſhall be built, the glory of that Citie ſhal be pulled downe; they ſay the beleagering of that Citie by the Prince of *Orange*, ſhewed the ruine of their liberty by that Family; that the inundation of waters upon that Citie, a little after *Oranges* death preſaged a deluge of miſeries breaking in upon them. The dreadfull apparition at the mouth of the Maſe, of Ships and Navall fights, in which were Engliſh colours, and the Dutch, with the belgick Lyon, and this ſeene by the Fiſhermen of *Mazeland* at noon-day, and affirmed by oath was that draught in the ayre, of the tragedy which is now acting upon the water; the burning of the old Statehouſe at *Amſterdam*, in which was great loſſe of papers and money. The narrow eſcape of our fire ſhips by burning of the *Lubeck* ſhip, and the burning up of our Magazens at *Dorte*, and the mutinous cariage of our Schuterdy. The peſt. in our ſhips, & *Trumps* coming to the *Downs* with above 100. ſaile, and not able to touch Sir *George Aſcue*, who then had but 15. Ships with him, though came up cloſe, and endeavouring it, becauſe the wind in our Fleets teeth, as was in 88. The *Spaniſh* begin to improve and fortifie his Frontiers upon us, & are jealous of the *Spaniſh* nation at this time, knowing he ſpares no oyle to caſt into this flame.

*A letter from* France *of the riſing of* 12000. *Proteſtans againſt the Papiſts.*



Honored Sir,

*COunt de* Rieux, *and Madam de* Ornana, *and others, roſe upon the Proteſtants at* Vals, *when they were at Church, turned out the Miniſter, abuſed divers, and burnt the Pulpit, and Benches: Upon which the Proteſtant Nobility and Gentry all about* Languedock *are riſen in armes for their defence, and in a ſhort time got together above ten thouſand men in a body, which ſo frighted the Papiſts in* Nieſme, *and other places thereabouts, that they are withdrawn as faſt as they can for feare of them. Newes hereof comming to the Court, the Kings Councell have paſſed a Declaration for the Proteſtants to enjoy the benefit formerly granted at* Nants, *and of other Edicts in their behalfe, and that Count* de Rieux *and his Confederates ſhall repaire all the damages the ſaid Proteſtants have ſuſtained, and that the Proteſtants do lay downe their Armes; & Count De Rieux is ſent for to* Paris, *to anſwer a Charge exhibited againſt him. Monſieur* De Ville France *of the Proteſtant family of* Manthurſt, *is come out of the Daulphin to* Nieſme *with* 3000. *men to ſend with the Proteſtants.*

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*From* Paris, *Septemb.* 14. *Stilo novo.*

*THings are here ſtatu quo, as in my laſt, the Proteſtants being up in the Province of* Languedock *grow very numerous, and appear to be in very good earneſt, having ſet out a publique Manifeſto, wherein they do declare the ground of their taking Armes; and they have choſen themſelves a General, not of the ranke of Nobility, becauſe they are ſo apt upon all occaſions to cloſe with the Court; but a a Gentleman, one Monſieur* Caſſagne *an old Souldier, and an able follower of that famous Prince, an able Politician, and a gallant Sword-man to the Quondam Duke of* Rhoane: *So that the Court here are in extream agonies about it, and offer all the lenatives in the world to allay their reſolution, but by all ſignes and tokens there will as yet be no accommodation.*

October 26. 1653. A Tumultuous rising of a company of Seamen at the Prize Office.

THis day there was a Tumultuous rising of a company of Sea-men, who demanding at the *Prize-Office* their ſhares in ſome Prizes that had been taken, were ſo rude in their demands, that the Commiſſioners were forced to ſend for ſom Souldiers to appeaſe the Tumult, which was not don without the loſſe of ſome blood, one being ſlain on the place, and divers hurt and wounded on both ſides. Afterward, the Seamen repaired to *VVhitehall*, and being more civil in their Demands there, were promiſed to have what in reaſon was juſt: And ſome of the chief of them being made ſenſible of the ſad effects that would follow ſuch unadviſed and deſperate proceedings, they were content for that time to depart in peace

*October* 27. The Seamen in a Tumultuous manner, in greater numbers than before, roſe again, many of them being armed with Swords and Piſtols, and other weapons: And coming down towards *VVhitehall*, they were met withall by the Lord Generals Life-guard at Charing-croſſe, and ſoon diſperſed, ſome cut and wounded.

*By the Councel of State appointed by Authority of Parliament.*

WHereas for the encouragement of Seamen, a conſiderable augmentation hath been made of their Wages, and ſeaſonable proviſion for ſuch of them as have been ſick or wounded, and due conſideration had of the wives, Children, and impotent Parents of all Officers and Seamen that

have been ſlain in the preſent Service, as alſo their Months Gratuity and wages fully paid them upon coming in of the ſaid reſpective Ships, in which they have ſerved; Notwithſtanding all which, and the extraordinary care that hath been taken by the State from time to time for their encouragement, divers Seamen and others did on the 26 and 27 dayes of this inſtant *October*, in a mutinous and ſeditious manner, aſſemble themſelves together in numerous companies, with Piſtols, Swords, and other weapons, on the *Tower* hill, at *Charing*-croſſe, and other places in and about the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, to the diſturbance of the publick Peace: Now to the end that ſuch practices for the future may be prevented, which we have too much cauſe to believe have been animated and fomented by diſcontented and ill-affected perſons; and that others in time to come may not be ſeduced to their own ruine, we do hereby Declare that exemplary Juſtice ſhall be inflicted upon the chief Actors or Ringleaders of this Mutiny and Sedition, ſome of which are now under cuſtody: And do ſtreitly charge and command, That no Mariner, Seaman, or other perſons whatſoever, upon pain of death, do preſume to aſſemble together in a mutinous or ſeditious manner, or any wayes countenance or abet ſuch Mutiny or Sedition. And we do further Declare, That a ſpeedy courſe ſhall be taken for the adjuſting and payment of the money due to the Seamen for their ſhares of Prizes; and that all due encouragement (ſuch ſhall hereafter be particularly expreſſed) ſhall be given to ſuch as ſhall voluntarily engage themſelves in this preſent Service. *Dated at Whitehall*, this 27 day of *Octob.* 1653.

*An Additionall Article to the Lawes of War, and Ordinances of the Sea.*

THat all Mariners and others employed, or which have been employed in the ſervice of this Common-wealth in their Fleets, or otherwiſe at Sea, ſhall after the time of their reſpective diſcharges, demean themſelves with all duty and reſpect to the publick Peace: And if any perſon who hath been, is or ſhall be ſo employed, hath committed or abetted, or ſhall commit or abet any Mutinous or Seditious act, whereby

whereby the Peace of this Common-wealth may be, or hath been endangered; Every ſuch perſon ſhall be proceeded againſt, and ſuffer pains of death, or otherwiſe, in the ſame ſort and manner, as by the Lawes of war and Ordinances of the Sea already eſtabliſhed, he might have been proceeded againſt for any act of that nature, in caſe of being in actuall Service.

Provided, That every perſon comprized within this Article, be proceeded againſt within three Moneths after the Offence committed, and not otherwiſe.

*Nov:* 4. 1653. A Souldier hang'd at *Tower*-hill.

*Oct:* 31. One of the chief mutinous Sea-men was hang'd, he having ſtirred up the reſt by making proclamation, &c. And another was whipt under the Gallows.

Amſterdam, *Novemb:* 14. 1653.

*Sixteen Men of Vlarre were ſwept away, and 2000 Men drowned, with 500 peece of Ordnance. The Sea broke in through their Banks in above dozen places, into the Merchants Cellars and Warehouſes, having been beaten on through the extream violence of the wind.*

DE Witte being come home with his Merchant-men from *Denmarke*, they began to grow high with a deſign upon *England*, the Merchant-men being got in, Orders were ſent that they ſhould by all means keep at Sea, fearing if the Fleet of war had come in, they ſhould not gather them together again, and determined to ſupply them with Victuals, and other neceſſaries at a diſtance, that ſo they might convey their laſt Vintage from *France*, through the Channel, and then brave it upon the *Engliſh* Coaſts, and endeavour to block up the

the *Thames*. In the interim, it pleased God, that by a violent storm of a weeks continuance, no lesse then sixteen men of war of *De witts* Fleet, were swept away, 2000 men drownd, and 500 piece of Ordnance, whereof a good number Brasse, and great store of provision in a particular Vessel. The new Frigots lost their masts, but sav'd themselves with much ado. As a further addition to their miseries, the Sea brake into the Cellars and Ware-houses, to the exceeding losse of their Merchants, by making severall breaches in their Banks in above a dozen places; and generally over all the Low Countreys, the Sea having been beaten on the Coasts, through the extream violence of winds and weather. And the Duke of *Lorraine* is come once again on their Borders, to add to their troubles.

*Harlem* in *Holland*, *Decemb.* 30. 1653. On *Tuesday* last there rose a very great storm, which continued all night, there being between fifty and sixty Merchants riding at Anchor at the *Texel*, many of them are sunk and cast away, but 17 saved, between 30 and 40 are at best spoiled, sunk, and run a ground, and of them 20 lost, amongst the rest there was one *East India* ship called the *Lisle* lost, that was going out, and the *Marigold* is much hurt and shatter'd. One tore and sunk another Divers of them have been driven ashore, and some upon Shelves and Rocks, and many are lost in severall parts. What the particular losses have been cannot yet be collected. But the *East India* Fleet at Sea, being 150 ships, are much feared. At *Amsterdam* also some hurt was done by this storm, for without the gate of the City, by the *Utrechts Bole*, a Malt-Mill of *Stephen Paters*, fell on fire with the violence of the motion, whereby not onely the Mill but four Houses that stood by it were burnt, to the great losse of *Stephen Pater*, who had much *Malt* lay there. Also within the City, the iron Crosse (that is about 20 foot long, and weighed 14 or 1600 l.) that stood upon the West Church lately built, the Weathercock above it, and the great Copper gilded Bowle under it, which held near a Hogshead of Beer, were all blown down through the body of the Church, falling on the Grave stones brake them, and tore the dead bodies in their Graves. But the greatest losse I hear of was at *Rype* in *North Holland*, where an Oyl-Mill by the storm, in a violent motion by its own heat set fire, and that burning set divers Houses on fire, some 5 or 6 hundred Houses were destroyed, and many persons burnt alive, and abundance of Goods, many being taken in their Beds, and others burnt before they could get out of doors. And not onely the private Houses, but the two Churches, Town-house, and the Way house also as is said, are all laid in ashes. And the fire staid not in this Town, but flew over the River sixty foot broad, that goes about the *Bemster*, and upon the inside of the bank of the *Bemster*, burnt divers Houses also; and burnt the very ships (though small ones) and Boats that lay in the Haven; besides what harm it hath done in other parts not herein mentioned.

# A List of the Common-wealth of *Englands* Navie at Sea, in their Expeditio

Col: *Richard Deane*, and Col: *George Monke*, Esquires, Generals and Admirals. Together with the Na

Ship carried, at that memorable Fight on the 2 and 3 of *June*, 1653. in which through Gods blessing on the said I

ners, with very little losse on our part; and pursued the *Dutch* to their own Harbours. Also a distinction of part of those Ships

## THE FIRST SQUADRON.

*The Red Standard and Flagge, under the Squadronall Command of the Generalls above expressed.*

| Ships Names. | Commanders. | Men. | Guns. |
|---|---|---|---|
| The Resolution | *The Generals* | 550 | 88 |
| Worcester Frigot | *George Dakins*, Capt. | 220 | 50 |
| Advise Frigot | *Jer: Smith*, Capt. | 180 | 42 |
| Diamond Frigot | *William Hill* | 180 | 42 |
| Saphire Frigot | *Nicholas Heaton.* | 140 | 38 |
| Marmaduke | *Edward Blagg* | 460 | 42 |
| Pelican | *Peter Motham* | 180 | 40 |
| Mearmaid | *John King* | 100 | 26 |
| Goulden Fleece | *Nic: Foster* | 180 | 44 |
| Loyalty | *John Limbry* | 150 | 34 |
| Society | *Nic: Lucas* | 140 | 44 |
| Malaga Marchant | *Henry Collins* | 140 | 36 |
| Martin | *John Vessy* | 90 | 14 |
| Fireships: Fox | --------- *Cornelius* | 30 | 10 |
| Fireships: Fortune | *Humphry Morris* | 30 | 10 |
| Fireships: Renowne. | *James Salmon* | 30 | 10 |

*The Vice-Admirals Division of the Generals Squadron.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Triumph | *James Pecock*, Vice Adm: | 330 | 62 |
| Lawrell Frigot | *John Stoake*, Capt. | 200 | 48 |
| Adventure Frigot | *Robert Nickson* | 160 | 40 |
| Providence Frigot | *John Pearce* | 140 | 33 |
| Beare | *Francis Kerby* | 200 | 46 |
| Hearts ease | *Thomas Weight* | 150 | 36 |
| Hound | *Jonah Hide* | 120 | 36 |
| Anne and Joyce | *William Pile* | 119 | 34 |
| London | *Arthur Browne* | 200 | 40 |
| Hanniball | *William Hadduck* | 180 | 44 |
| Mary Prize | *Henry Maddison* | 120 | 37 |
| Thomas and Wil: | *John Jefferson* | 140 | 36 |

*The Rear-Admirals Division of the Generals Squadron.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Speaker Frigot | *Samuel Hewet*, Rear Adm. | 300 | 56 |
| Sussex Frigot | *Roger Cuttaine*, Capt. | 180 | 46 |
| Guiney Frigot | *Edmond Curtice* | 150 | 34 |
| Tyger | *Gabriel Sanders* | 170 | 40 |
| Violet | *Henry Southwood* | 180 | 40 |
| Sophia | *Robert Kerby* | 160 | 38 |
| Falmouth Frigot | *John Jeffreys* | 100 | 26 |
| 4 Sisters | *Robert Becke* | 120 | 30 |
| Hambr: Merchant | *William Jessell* | 110 | 34 |
| Phanix | *Henry Eaden* | 120 | 34 |

*The Generals Squadron consisting of* 38 *Ships.*
*Mannaged by* 6169 *Men.*
*Mounted with* 1440 *Guns.*

## THE SECOND SQ

*The English Colours, and White Flaggs, committed to Vice-Admirall of* England, *and Admi*

| Ships. | Commanders. |
|---|---|
| James | *William Pen*, |
| Lion | *John Lambert*, |
| Ruby Frigot | *Robert Sanders* |
| Assistance Frigot | *William Crispi* |
| Foresight Frigot | *Richard Stayn* |
| Portsmouth Frig: | *Robert Doenfo* |
| Anne Piercy | *Thomas Hare* |
| Peter | *John Littleton* |
| Exchange | *Henry Tidman* |
| Merlin | *George Crapnel* |
| Rich: and Martha | *Eveſtace Smit* |
| Sara | *Francis Stewa* |
| Lixa Merchant | *Simon Baily* |
| *Fireship*, Falcion | |

*The Vice-Admirals Division of the*

| | |
|---|---|
| Victory | *Lionell Lane*, |
| Centurion Frigot | *Walter Wood*, |
| Expedition Frigot | *Tho: Vo'is* |
| Gilt flower | *John Hayward* |
| Middle borow | *Tho: Wishing* |
| Raven | *Robert Taylor* |
| Exchange | *Jeafrey Dare* |
| Globe | *Robert Colema* |
| Prudent Mary | *John Taylor* |
| Tho: and Lucie | *Andrew Rand* |

*The Reare-Admirals Division of the*

| | |
|---|---|
| Andrew | *Tho: Graves*, |
| Assurance Frigot | *Phillip Hollan* |
| Crowne | -------- *Thomso* |
| Dutches | *Richard Seafe* |
| Princes Maria | *Saite Hanly* |
| Waterhound | *Gyles Shelly* |
| Pearle | *James Cadma* |
| Reformation | *Anthony Erni* |
| Industry | *Ben: Salmon* |

*The Vice-Admirals Squadron consi*
*Mannaged by*
*Mounted with*

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# ...pedition in *May*, 1653. Under the Command of the Right Honourable ...

...h the Names of all the Commanders of the ſaid Fleet, and the number of Men and Guns which every ... the ſaid Fleet, they took and deſtroyed between 20 and 30 Dutch Ships of War, and alſo took 1350 Priſo... thoſe Ships (by the letter P in the Margent) which have been taken Prizes, and are now in the Service of the *Common-wealth*.

## ...ND SQUADRON.

...committed to the *Conduct* of William Penn, *Eſq*; ...l, and *Admirall of the White Flagg*.

| ...manders. | Men | Guns. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...am Pen, *Eſq*; Admi: | 360 | 66 | |
| ...*Lambert*, Capt. | 220 | 50 | |
| ...t *Sanders* | 180 | 42 | |
| ...am *Criſpin* | 180 | 40 | |
| ...rd *Stayner* | 180 | 42 | |
| ...t *Doenford* | 170 | 38 | P |
| ...as *Hare* | 120 | 33 | |
| ... *Littleton* | 100 | 32 | |
| ... *Tidman* | 100 | 30 | |
| ...e *Crapnell* | 090 | 12 | |
| ...*ace Smith* | 180 | 46 | P |
| ...*is Steward* | 140 | 34 | |
| ... *Baily* | 160 | 38 | |
| | 030 | 10 | |

...*on of the Vice-Admirals Squadron.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ...*ell Lane*, Vice Adm: | 300 | 60 | P |
| ...*erWood*, Capt. | 200 | 42 | |
| ...*Vo'is* | 140 | 32 | |
| ... *Hayward* | 120 | 32 | |
| ... *Wishing* | 120 | 32 | P |
| ...*rt Taylor* | 140 | 38 | P |
| ...*rey Dare* | 120 | 32 | |
| ...*rt Coleman* | 110 | 30 | |
| ... *Taylor* | 100 | 28 | |
| ...*ew Rand* | 125 | 34 | |

...*ſion of the Vice-Admirals Squadron.*

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|---|---|---|---|
| ... *Graves*, Rear Adm: | 360 | 56 | |
| ...*lip Holland*, Capt. | 160 | 36 | |
| ...-*Thomſon*, Capt. | 140 | 36 | P |
| ...*ard Seafeild* | 090 | 24 | |
| ...*e Hanly* | 170 | 38 | |
| ...*s Shelly* | 120 | 30 | |
| ...*es Cadman* | 100 | 26 | |
| ...*bony Erning* | 160 | 40 | |
| ... *Salmon* | 100 | 30 | |

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|---|---|---|
| ...*dron conſiſting of* | 33 | *Ships.* |
| | 5085 | *Men.* |
| | 1189 | *Guns.* |

## THE THIRD SQUADRON.

*The Blew Flaggs, Commanded by* John Lawſon, *Eſq*; *Rear-Admirall of* England, *and Admirall of the Blew Flagge.*

| Ships. | Commanders. | Men. | Guns. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George | *John Lawſon, Eſq*; Adm. | 350 | 58 | |
| Kentiſh Frigot | *Jac: Renolds*, Capt. | 180 | 50 | |
| Great Preſident | *Francis Park* | 180 | 40 | |
| Noneſuch Frigot | *Tho: Penroſe* | 170 | 40 | |
| Succeſſe | *William Kendall* | 150 | 38 | |
| Welcome | *Tho: Harman* | 200 | 40 | |
| Oake | *John Edwin* | 120 | 32 | P |
| Brazill Friggot | *Tho: Heath* | 120 | 30 | |
| Eaſtl: Merchant | *John Woulters* | 110 | 32 | |
| Adventure | *Edward Greene* | 160 | 38 | |
| Samaritan | *Shadrach Blake* | 120 | 30 | |
| Hunter, *Fireſhip*, | | 30 | 10 | |

*The Vice-Admirals Diviſion of the Rear-Admirals Squadron.*

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vant Guard | *Joſeph Jorden*, Vice Ad. | 390 | 56 | |
| Entrance | *Richard Nubery*, Capt. | 200 | 43 | |
| Dragon | *John Seaman* | 260 | 38 | |
| Convert | *Phillip Githings* | 120 | 32 | P |
| Paul | *Anthony Spatchurt* | 120 | 38 | P |
| Gift | *Tho: Salmon* | 130 | 34 | P |
| Creſſent Frigot | *Tho: Thorowood* | 115 | 30 | |
| Samuel Taboat | *Joſeph Ames* | 110 | 30 | |
| Benjamin | *Robert Sparks* | 120 | 32 | |
| King Fardinando | *Richard Paine* | 140 | 36 | P |
| Roebuck | *Henry Fenn* | 100 | 30 | P |

*The Rear-Admirals Diviſion of the Rear-Admirals Squadron.*

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rainbow | *William Godſon*, Rear Ad. | 300 | 58 | |
| Convertine Frigot | *Anthony Joyne*, Capt. | 210 | 44 | |
| Amity Frigot | *Henry Pack* | 150 | 36 | |
| Dolphin | *Robert Davis* | 120 | 30 | |
| Armes of Holland | *Francis Mardrig* | 120 | 34 | P |
| Tulip | *Joſeph Cubbit* | 120 | 32 | P |
| Jonathan | *Robert Graves* | 110 | 30 | |
| Dragoneare | *Edward Smith* | 110 | 32 | P |
| William and John | *Nath: Jeſſon* | 120 | 36 | |
| Nichodemus Frig. | *William Ledgant* | 40 | 12 | |
| Bloſſome | *Nath: Cock* | 110 | 30 | P |

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|---|---|---|
| *The Rear-Admirals Squadron conſiſting of* | 34 | *Ships.* |
| *Mannaged by* | 5015 | *Men.* |
| *Mounted with* | 1189 | *Guns.* |

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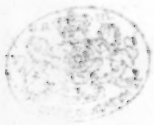
|---|---|
| *The Totall of Ships in the Fleet* | 105 |
| *The Totall of Men* | 16269 |
| *The Totall of Guns* | 3840 |

Beſides theſe, there have come to the Fleet, and with Generall *Blake*, and other Ships, above twenty, ſince the draft of this Liſt, whoſe names, and number of Guns and Men, cannot be given at preſent.

*Licenſed and Entred according to Order.*

...ſgate-ſtreet, and by *Tho: Jenner* at the South-entrance of the Royall EXCHANGE. 1 6 5 3.